

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 412

HOUSE BILL NO. 351

**By Representatives Hackworth, Hardaway, Faulkner, Rich, Todd, Dean,
Watson, Harry Brooks, Fincher, Evans, Moore, Eldridge, Ty Cobb, Bass,
McDonald, Windle, Lollar, Shipley**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 539

By Senators Ketron, Burks

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 13, Part 1, to create certain criminal offenses involving assault.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-101(b), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Assault is a Class A misdemeanor unless the offense is committed under subdivision (a)(3), in which event assault is a Class B misdemeanor; provided that if the offense is committed against a law enforcement officer under any provision of this section, then the maximum fine shall be five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-102(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(1) Aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(1) or subsection (b) or (c) is a Class C felony. Aggravated assault under subdivision (a)(2) is a Class D felony. However, if an offense under subdivision (a)(1) or (a)(2) or subsection (c) is committed against a law enforcement officer, then the maximum fine shall be fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 2, 2009

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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 11th day of June 2009

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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR